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BETTER ROADS, BETTER FARMING

Farmers' Institutes in Virginia
Discuss and Make Plans
For Better Highways.

Editor The News:—In accepting the courtesy of a little valuable space, the writer wants to say, that in the course of a somewhat extended pilgrimage up and down, over and through the mountains and plains of old Virginia, and for more years than he would care to say, in view of possible contingencies, is unable to call to mind in this state, for the last half century, anything approaching the awakened interest that today is apparent to the observer in the primary, the primary industries of the whole state, through the uplifting of agricultural conditions, and the construction and re-construction of a possible system of public and intercommunal highways.

Accepting this as a truism, we hope we may be pardoned if we very briefly call attention to one or two of the main factors entering into and constituting the very soul of inspiration, which has stimulated those aggressive and progressive efforts and methods that have, during the less than half score of years past, so transformed for the better every important and vital interest of the State, but more especially, that of uplifting and putting into prosperous condition the somewhat craggy, slipshod and rather profitless because antiquated system in agricultural operations hitherto obtaining.

In this Herculean task we do not hesitate to say that the conception, initiative and organization, by and through the patriotic, public spirited, broad-minded efforts of a few intelligent, far-seeing men a few years ago in the enterprising, go-ahead city of Roanoke, of the "State Farmers' Institute" has proved chief factor in this present day impetus to improved methods in farming, with better roads, and incidentally and in no small measure to more general and better education, especially along industrial lines. That the claims above preferred for the Farmers' Institute are not chimerical or over drawn, one has but to attend the approaching session of the Institute, which is to meet in the city of Petersburg, Va., from the 9th to the 11th of August, inclusive, see and learn the extraordinary changes wrought by up to date methods in farming and kindred industries, to convince the most skeptical and severe critic of our heretofore numerically ridiculed and much derided "book farming," of the real value of improved up to date methods.

We are glad to say in closing this rather crude article, that at Petersburg on the 9th will be found a goodly assembly of earnest, intelligent, thoughtful, broad minded men, intent on making the waste places of the "Old Dominion" smile and blossom as the rose, and erect highways upon which there shall be no "ravenous beast," in the shape of quags, chuck holes and mountain boulders, which have for ages unnumbered, made our gullied and rock stream fields, a delusion and a snare to the Virginia farmer, and our wretched system his life a burden.

In this great work of regeneration, our Southwest has peculiar interest. Will our people indifferently lag behind, and Achilles like, sulk in their tents, and leave to others their part in this great work of uplifting to splendid conditions, yet undreamed of the faithful old mother we love so well we do not so believe, and as the N & W R'y in its enlightened and broad policy, has ever extended a ready and helping hand, especially in the agricultural interest of the state, all who desire to attend the Institute will be allowed a "3 cent round trip rate" and treated to a free excursion and splendid entertainment at Ivor, the Co's experimental farm in Southampton Co., Va.

A. J. TYNES,

Member board directors 9th dist.

NOTICE.

Parties who want to sell their wool can bring it to us and get market cash price.

H. G. and M. L. Peery.

"Tigers" Win

Asbury, Aug. 3.—There was a very interesting game of Ball pulled off Saturday afternoon on the local diamond between the Asbury "Tigers" and the Cove, which resulted in a victory for the Tigers by the score of 12 to 13. The Tigers won out in the Ninth in a garrison finish. No one out when winning run was scored. This is the third game between the two teams this season, the Tigers winning two out of three.

Burke's Garden

Burke's Garden, Aug 3.—The Garden is beautiful now—veritable garden spot in high state of cultivation. Though the season has been rather late, the corn, for the most part, is looking good; the wheat has been harvested, and the farmers are in the midst of hay making. The weather is fine and the meadows are beautiful. And there are some corn patches here which stand a fair chance for the prize. About the best piece of corn in the Garden belongs to J. B. Meek's sons and is situated on the road almost opposite the Academy.

The usual number of visitors are being entertained this summer and up to this time the Garden has been gay with parties and picnics. Among the young ladies who have given parties are Misses Sara Moss, Ethel Meek, Lucille Snapp and Katrina Gose.

Miss Stella Long has had as her house guest, for several weeks, Miss Virginia Snapp, of Glade Spring.

Miss Lucille Snapp has been entertaining for some time Misses Marian and Vivian Brown of Black Lick and Miss Jessie Lou McCommae, of Bristol.

Mrs. Graham Porterfield, of Abingdon, is visiting relatives here.

Ms. L. D. Snapp left last Sunday for Newport, where she is spending a few days at the bedside of her brother, Dr. Miller, who is critically ill.

Dr. Teichett, in the absence of our resident physician, is performing his duty faithfully and well.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoge have as their guests, Miss Mayola and Billie Gillespie, Mrs T C Bowen and others.

Mrs. R E Goodman made a business trip to Tazewell Wednesday. Messrs Bowen Long and John Thompson were in town Tuesday.

Mr. L. D. Snapp and children spent Wednesday in the metropolis.

Mr. Powell Royall escorted a party of ladies over into the Garden on Aug. the second.

Mr. Dillard, representing Guggenheimer and Co., Lynchburg, Mr. Angel, of the Lipford Seales Tobacco Company, Winston Salem, Mr. Artrip, traveling for W A Scott and Co, Tazewell, and others, have called on the merchants here this week.

Mr. James R Crockett came home yesterday seemingly strong and well after successful treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, some weeks ago.

Cedar Bluff

Cedar Bluff, Aug 3.—The farmers of this neighborhood are busy in the meadows.

There is preaching at Salem Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. E. C. McFarland is making a success here sawing for Mr. Price.

Messrs W R Catron, O F Kitts, H A Lambert and E C McFarland were visiting home folks at Gratton Sunday.

A small party made a pleasant trip to the new Railroad Supday to see the tunnel. They had dinner with them—went over in the morning and back in the evening.

Joseph Pruett made a flying trip to Garden Saturday and back Monday.

Falls Mills

Misses Estyll and Boxey Moses are visiting at Mr Jewell's this week.

I H Harry spent Monday and Tuesday in the coal fields looking after business.

A S and R J Harry and Misses Nannie Perdue and Bertha Harry were visiting in Bramwell the first of the week.

Ben Ratliff had the misfortune to have two of his toes mashed off in the rock quarry recently. Medical attention was secured and he is getting along nicely.

Madge Bryant, daughter of J E Bryant and Frank Crawford went to Bristol and were married last week.

C E Byrd finished his meadows today; he has put up a large amount of fine hay this year.

W B Tabor was in Pocahontas yesterday looking after his business interests.

Rev Mr Burgess, of Blackstone, is holding a protracted meeting here, and is meeting with success.

Miss Nannie Cooley, of Bluefield, was here yesterday looking after the organization of a music class; we hope she will be successful, as she is a fine lady, and an excellent musician.

Next Monday's Meeting

There ought to be a representative here next Monday afternoon, of every Sunday School in the county. It has been said that there is not an efficient up to date Sunday school in the county including the town. The object of the meeting next Monday is to organize the working forces of the Sunday schools, and move up. Be present if possible and hear and help.

SWANSON NOW A U. S. SENATOR

Governor Mann Appoints
Former Governor to the
Unexpired Term.

(From Monday's Evening News.)

Everybody in Virginia will welcome the announcement made today of the appointment of Governor Swanson to the United States senate to fill the vacancy caused by the lamented death of Senator Daniel.

Most people expected this action, but there was just enough doubt to cause some little uneasiness and unrest. This, now, is disposed of. We congratulate the commonwealth. With Martin and Swanson in the senate she will have a stronger team, a better combination of useful and effective qualities, than any State of the union. Both are workers. Senator Martin has no superior in this country in personal influence and knowledge of the details of situations.

His personal popularity and influence is as great as that of any Democratic member and probably is excelled by few Republicans. Swanson has the oratorical power the personal magnetism, the aggressiveness and the readiness in debate to make him a valuable successor to Senator Daniel with the added advantage of youth and strength and behind him the weight of reputation won by long service in the lower house and by a brilliant term as governor of Virginia. We congratulate Governor Mann on the good sense and regard for the wishes of the people which dictated the appointment and we congratulate Governor Swanson on his well deserved promotion. Not many men of his age have his record of unvarying success. There is no use arguing against a success. When a man in thirty years has come from being clerk in a country grocery to be representative in congress term after term, governor of his State and United States senator, in each place he has held winning general approval for promotion to a higher place, he must have in him the right kind of stuff.

Will Be Here at Next Court

We are informed that Foote and Johnson, the well known manufacturers, will be here at August court with a line of their vehicles for sale. This firm has been selling vehicles to the people of Tazewell for thirty years, and have always given satisfaction. These vehicles are mountain built for mountain roads, yet are as stylish and up to date in every way as they are useful and durable. Any one thinking of buying a buggy or carriage should examine these vehicles on court day.

The Last of The Tazewell Band

A few days ago some of the boys brought a lot of old hats and other paraphernalia formerly used by the late Tazewell Band, to this office, and deposited the same on the floor under a table, where it remains at this good hour, and thereby hangs a tale, which is to say, that the Tazewell Band is no more. It departed this life sometime ago. The cause of death was due to the high cost of living, lack of resources, etc. The band used a great deal of wind and air in their business, but found it impossible to subsist on this alone. And so it went as a number of its predecessors have gone Tazewell don't want a band. Perhaps don't need one, certainly won't support one, or at least "they ain't been doing it." A number of organizations have existed here in time, but like this one have enjoyed only a brief season of existence. A surviving member of the late band says that during their two years of existence they never received as much as a penny from this town, and of course could not keep up. This explains why it was necessary to pay \$50.00 of hard earned money for the band which played here on last Memorial day, for the old soldiers, which band was imported from Pocahontas.

North Tazewell

North Tazewell, Aug 1.—Misses Peggie and Gladys Denney of McDowell, W Va, are on a visit to their cousin, Miss Nanyee McGuire. These are popular young ladies and will make many friends while here.

Mrs Sarah Harman had a family reunion on last Sunday. All of the children were present as well as her grand children. Of course they enjoyed themselves as they did in by gone days, before the family circle was broken.

Mr and Mrs Reese Whitley's little daughter, Rose, has been sick but is better at this writing.

Mrs R H Ireson and children spent the day at Mrs K D R Harman's Wednesday of last week.

J G McGuire went to Mad Fork Sunday, and of course enjoyed a fine ride on our good road. John will

leave for Welch in a few days where he has accepted a position.

"Uncle Bobby" Ireson, left Sunday on No 12 for Roanoke where he will visit his son James.

Mr C W Davis and Miss Ida Sayers, were married on last Sunday at the bride's home by Rev Mitchell. Born to Mr and Mrs Jess Sayers, a fine baby boy. Mother and babe are doing well.

Mrs R H McGuire, spent the day Sunday at her brother's, at the old Litz farm.

R E Lawrence of Bear Wallow, spent the night with his sister, Mrs W P Whitley last week.

There will be an ice cream supper at Gravelly Hill on Aug 6, at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend to make this a success.

Miss Myrtle Ireson, of Williamson, W Va, is on a visit to her cousin Miss Mamie Harman and other relatives in and around North Tazewell.

Several from this place went to the motion picture show on Monday night. It was given for the benefit of North Tazewell Methodist church.

THE MARE MOVES.

A Correspondent Has Queer
Dream About Roads That
May Come True.

Mr. Editor: Not long since I had a queer dream. Whether in my right mind or out of it, I cannot tell. Whether at home or abroad I know not. Whether asleep or awake it matters not. At any rate, it was on this wise: I was trying to go somewhere; it matters not where. I was making poor speed. My mare was stumbling over rocks and falling into ruts. She fell and skinned one knee and sprained the other; she could not go. It seemed like the road from Jerusalem to Jericho—a very dismal place. The thought struck me that I should be the Good Samaritan along the horse line. I loosed her from my buggy and was binding up her wounds, pouring in oil and wine and talking kind, when lo! a large crowd of men suddenly came upon me. The first thought was that they were robbers, but recognized them at once as my friends and neighbors. They said they were going to Tazewell to a Good Roads convention. I exclaimed "Boys, I have forgotten where I was going and now my mare can't go, so I will go with you if one of you will let me ride behind you." One big hearted fellow consented and so I left my mare in the wilderness to rest while the oil and wine soaked in and healed the wounds.

At the convention one brother moved that every man in the convention donate all his money that has been on hands long enough to be the least bit rusty or musty into a common fund to improve the roads of the county. The motion prevailed. The convention adjourned to meet a week later and see how much money would pour into the Road Treasury.

The day arrived for the second convention. They came in very slowly; scarcely a quorum was present. Finally a quorum was mustered. The chairman pulled a bundle of letters from his pocket and asked the secretary to read them to the convention. The first one read was as follows: "Mr. Chairman, I herewith offer my resignation as a member of the Good Roads Association. I find I cannot afford to be loyal in this case, for half the money I have is rusty or musty."

Yours truly,
Simon Critchfield.

A number of others were read very much like the above. The brother whom I rode behind to the first convention arose and said "I move that we hear no more letters and that we accept no resignations. Let's drive down a peg here and bring every man to briny and have some good roads. Law suits and confiscation followed, and twelve months later I started "somewhere" again. My mare did not stumble; fell into no ruts. She went. I bursted into a hearty laugh and soliloquized, "I know now what is meant by the old adage, 'Money makes the mare go.'"

I awoke or "came to," I know not which, and found it all a dream. So I sank into serious meditation and asked myself the question: Will the mare go?

Seeing the big headlines in the Roanoke Times about the Good Roads meeting reminded me of my dream.

Isham Woolly.

Big Crater, Va., Aug 3.

LOST: A brown rubber coat on last Friday between Natural Bridge and Tazewell. The finder will receive reasonable reward by returning same to this office.

CLEAR FORK NEEDS THE NEW ROAD

East End Has Had Little
Road Improvement — A
Supplement Necessary.

As will be seen from notice in another column, the Jeffersonville District has on hand about \$5000 road money, now available for road improvement in the district. This fund, if we understand it, is put up to the highest bidder. That is, the community subscribing as much as \$2500 can have this money expended wherever they may designate. Any supplement less than the one third, or \$2500 would not bind the road people, but would, of course, have its bearing.

This money should be expended where most needed, and that will be where the largest number of citizens will be benefited. There are three pieces of road proposed to be built with this money. One, the road from North Tazewell down the river, connecting with the new road now being constructed from Baptist Valley across Hubble Hill to the river, giving a good road from that section to the depot. Another proposition is to build from the town of Tazewell east or west, repairing the McAdam road already built, and to build new road as far as possible. The road most traveled, and used by the largest number of citizens is the road from Clear Fork to Tazewell and the depot. Mr. Jos. S. Gillespie estimates that at least 20 per cent more people pass over the Clear Fork road to town and the depot than over the river road to the depot and that at least 25 per cent more than over the road from the west. The Clear Fork is a thickly populated section of small farmers who trace and traffic in produce, etc., all the year round, and if the greatest number of people are to be reached and benefited by the new road then it would seem that this road as far as to Gratton, and farther if possible, should be the next built. This road is in an almost impassable condition three fourths of the year. At the same time, there are a number of country stores and quite a large population whose only road to the depot and wholesale houses is over the river road, and this road, too, is very bad, but the "greatest good to the greatest number" should be the idea, and if this idea is carried out Clear Fork will get the new road.

To Meet Next Tuesday

The Tazewell Good Roads Association will meet next Tuesday in the Court House at 11 a. m. A full meeting is desired of everybody interested in the building of better roads throughout the county. Be with us, and give the Association the benefit of your opinions, etc. Important business will be transacted.

Ewing Lawson, Pres.
R. P. Copenhaver, Sec'y.

Benbow

Benbow, Aug 3.—Miss May Crigger of Graham, is visiting friends and relatives in this community this week.

Mr and Mrs N T Buchanan gave the young folks of this community a delightful party last Friday night.

Mrs Joseph Wimmer was shopping in Tazewell last Saturday.

Messrs Frank Wall and Paul Peery attended the party at N T Buchanan's last Friday night.

Robert Fox and wife spent the day with Mrs Amanda Walk Sunday.

Sunday School is doing nicely at this place this summer—much better than usual, but there is room for improvement.

Miss Mary Clayton and Halley Witten were the guests of Mr and Mrs Bob Buchanan Sunday.

Pounding Mill

Pounding Mill, Aug 3.—Dozens of gallons of black berries have been and are being picked to put up by the residents here.

The three Misses Ward, of Waddell and Indian, were visitors at R. K Gillespie's Sunday Mr and Mrs Shamblin drove to Richlands Monday with their sick baby to interview Dr Smith.

The 6 months old baby of Tom Burnett is very sick yesterday and today.

The mother is some stronger.

Mrs Arthur Kerr had a relapse a few days ago, caused by over exertion.

Mrs T J Davis and little son, and sister, Miss Rebekah Davis were visitors at Tazewell Tuesday.

Mrs William Murphy and children, Honaker, are spending the week here with her mother, Mrs Rinsstaff.

Mrs J T Altizer, and two children, spent Sunday in Baptist Val-

ley.

Mrs Dock Altizer and baby and Miss Lettie Ringstaff visited relatives of the former at Condon last week. The latter also visited the Misses Nunley at Dornan.

Miss Uva Steele, Rex Stelle and John Gillespie visited the home of the latter at Witten Mills on Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Margaret Hurt is visiting relatives at Tazewell.

Mrs. R. K. Gillespie went to Tazewell last week.

Mr. Frank Alexander, of Tazewell, assisted by Robert Hoback, same place, is repainting W B Steele's residence.

Mrs Baldwin still continues very ill at her home.

Misses Georgia and Addie Harris returned Sunday from Big Stone Gap where they attended a normal.

The former has accepted a position in the High School at Eserville. The latter will also perhaps accept a position in Wise county.

Mr T J Davis stopped here the last of the week for his second recent trip to New York, and left on No 6 for his home in Cincinnati.

Mrs Jane Nunley and 3 grand daughters went to Dornan today to visit her son Wm Nunley.

Coal Looking Up

Mr. M. C. McCorkle, Richlands, was here Wednesday on business. He reports everything in fairly good shape in and around his little city. The Empire Coal Company is forging ahead, and is reported as about to resume coke oven building, which was suspended some time ago. President Esser, one of the most practical and energetic business men in this entire section, is at the head of affairs, and that means success. Life has advertised it is said, for a large force of several hundred men to push things along with new vigor. The Empire people have very valuable coal property, and one day, not very far off, there will be much doing in that section. Mr. Esser enjoys the entire confidence of the business world. The coal companies have all been somewhat "down in the mouth," but are in better spirits now all along the line. "Coal is looking up," they say, and better times are expected. For sometime they, like other operations have been living on "hope and soup"—a whole lot of hope and a very little soup, but they have held onto the "hope" part of the menu, and now they are expecting something more substantial than soup, and they will get it and ought to have it.

The Editor "Down In The Mouth"

It is the universal verdict that the Editor's acre of corn is the best ever, so far as stalk and growth goes. But, up to this date, there is not a tassel or silk in sight. If the first comes before October 20th he is lost badly. However, it will be clearly shown, if this crop falls to mature, that this is not a proper type of corn for Tazewell, and this will keep someone else out of trouble. The editor confesses he is a little "down in the mouth," but still has hopes.

Five Oaks

Five Oaks, Aug. 1.—Misses Bettie Clark and Ed Thompson, Misses Corn and Lena and Clarence Lawrence attended the entertainment at Concord, Saturday night.

Mr Reese Asbury was visiting friends and homefolks Sunday.

Misses Corn and Lena Lawrence visited Misses Clara and Bettie Thompson Sunday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs R H Motherina and their twins were visiting on Clear Fork Sunday.

Misses Maggie Burton has returned from Tazewell where she has been visiting for a few days.

Mr James Lawrence was visiting at North Tazewell Sunday.

Mr Dewey Hall is at home now. Misses Mary Lou and Hattie Sayers are visiting Mrs W F Harman this week.

Mrs Williams has returned to her home in Bluefield.

Mr Leff Neel has returned from Dry Fork where he has been at work.

Mrs Thompson visited Mrs James Lawrence Saturday.

Mr Will Jones went to church Sunday and reported an excellent sermon.

Mr Bob Spurgeon was in Dry Town Sunday.

Mr Clarence Lawrence was visiting friends here Sunday.

Mr C W Shannon was visiting here Sunday.

Mrs Manurine Fortner is still with Mrs James Lawrence.

Whose Horse?

A bay horse with saddle on was left hitched behind Depot at Tazewell, Va., Saturday. I have horse in my possession. The owner can get it by paying for this notice and his keep.

H. G. Peery, Mayor.

North Tazewell.

DEATH CLAIMS DR. JAS. R. CROCKETT

Well Known Burke's Garden
Physician Dies in a
Baltimore Hospital.

The remains of Dr. Jas. R. Crockett were brought through town on yesterday for burial at the old home in Burke's Garden. The funeral and burial takes place this morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. H. M. Fugate, formerly pastor here and in Burke's Garden, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Patty of the Methodist church, and Rev. Mr. Schaeffer, of the Lutheran church.

Dr. Crockett took his father, Mr. James Crockett to Johns Hopkins some weeks ago for special treatment and while there was taken ill himself, and later underwent a surgical operation for a serious stomach trouble. Pneumonia set up, and the faithful physician, who had been the instrument of healing so many people, was cut down. His brother, Dr. M. B. Crockett, of this town, and his wife, were with him to the last, the former having remained with him during almost his entire illness.

Dr. James R. Crockett was born in Burke's Garden. His father and mother, James R. and Mrs. Sallie Crockett, John, William and Dr. M. B. Crockett, brothers, and Mrs. Simon Kelly and Mrs. Mattie White, sisters, still survive, besides a wife and four children. He was a graduate of the University of Maryland, and was 44 years of age. His life as a physician, was spent in Burke's Garden, where he was born and reared. It cannot be said that as a physician he was without honor in his own country and among his own kin. He was popular with all classes. His neighbors knew him and respected him as a man of strong Christian character, deep piety and conscientious and faithful as a physician. His place will be difficult to fill.

His last hours were peaceful, conscious and resigned. He knew his end was nigh, and talked calmly and freely with his distressed wife, telling her repeatedly that he was not afraid to die, and that all was well with him. His last thoughts were about his children and the young Baptist church in his neighborhood, which he was instrumental in building and organizing, and to which he was devoted. He was superintendent of the Sunday School there, and the chief support of the Church, and his death is a severe blow to the cause. Though his duties as the only physician in his community were exacting, night and day, he found time to devote to his church duties. His faith and consecration in life stood him well in the last and trying hour, an hour which, sooner or later, will try us all.

Party which left here on yesterday afternoon, with the body of Dr. Crockett, was: Dr. Melvin Crockett and John Crockett and wife, E. H. White and wife, S. Frazier Stowers and Fay Lawson, from Bluefield, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tarter and others, besides several people who came over from Burke's Garden, with carriages and buggies. Before leaving, the casket was opened in the parlor of the Jeffersonville hotel, and a large number of people looked for the last time on earth into the face of the physician and friend, so familiar in life. The face was strikingly life like—as natural as if only asleep. The body was embalmed in Baltimore, and was in preservation and entire life like when it reached Tazewell. Rev. Mr. Fugate, former pastor of Baptist church here, reached Tazewell on the 3:30 train and was taken immediately to the Garden, where he will preach the funeral sermon today at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School Meeting Next Monday

A call has been issued for a meeting of Sunday School Superintendents and workers in the county, to meet here next Monday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock in the Methodist Church for the purpose of organizing a County Sunday School Association.

Mr. Thos. C. Diggs, Secretary of the State Sunday School Association, will be here, and make an address.

Of course Tazewell will fall in line with the great International movement which is doing such a great work in the field. It is urged that there be a good attendance on Monday afternoon. Several interesting addresses will be made.

Stock Sales Day

It is thought that there will be a large crowd in town next Tuesday. It is a regular Stock Sales day, the Board of Supervisors and the Good Roads Association meet on that day. If you can possibly spare the time come to town next Tuesday.